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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: AUGUST 25 MONTHLY
PREPARATORY MEETING

REF: (A) STATE 200742; (B) LONDON 13736

1. MEETING REVIEWED PROPOSED DRAFT AGENDA FOR IX CONSUL
TATIVE MEETING. ON AGENDA ITEM 5 RE TOURISTS, CHILE
WILL PROVIDE A PAPER AT CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

2. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ITEM 6 ON MARINE LIVING
RESOURCES, GROUP DISCUSSED FAO LETTER (REFTEL (B)) AND
AGREED THAT FAO REP SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DES-
CRIBE ITS RELEVANT PROGRAMS INFORMALLY AND OUTSIDE
FRAMEWORK OF THE MEETING. FRANCE, AS WELL AS ARGENTINA,

STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT SUCH AN FAO PRESENTATION SHOULD
NOT CONSTITUTE A PRECEDENT NOR BE REGARDED AS AN EVOLU-
TION TO OBSERVER STATUS FOR FAO OR ANY OTHER GROUP. NO
REP OBJECTED TO THESE REMARKS AND CHILE ENDORSED THEM.
JOHN HEAP, UK, UNDERTOOK TO DRAFT A REPLY TO FAO LETTER
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ALONG LINES DISCUSSED, BUT WITH NO DIRECT MENTION OF
FRENCH AND ARGENTINE CAVEATS. FRANCE ASKED TO HAVE
OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE DRAFT BEFORE LETTER SENT SO ALL
REPS WILL HAVE A SHORT PERIOD TO CONSIDER DRAFT BEFORE
IT IS SENT.

3. REPS HAD NO COMMENT ON ITEMS 7, 8 AND 9 EXCEPT

AUSTRALIA QUESTIONED WHAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED UNDER 9, MAN'S IMPACT ON ANTARCTIC ENVIRONMENT AND CONSENSUS WAS NOTHING MUCH. ON ITEM 10, METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION, AUSTRALIA ASKED IF USSR WAS GOING TO PROVIDE DRAFT ANNEXES TO DRAFT RESOLUTION IT HAD TABLED. USSR SAID "NO." US POSED QUESTION THIS ITEM IN REFTEL (A) AND UK AS SECRETARIAT RECALLED THAT THERE WAS SOME DESIRE FOR A REVIEW OF 1969 BUENOS AIRES RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH USSR MIGHT WISH TO PREPARE. USSR REPLIED THAT IN ITS VIEW DRAFT AGENDA AND DRAFT RESOLUTION GAVE SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED BASIS FOR WORK OF EXPERTS. ITS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT EACH PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT WOULD, TO THE EXTENT IT WISHED, BE REVIEWING ADEQUACY OF BUENOS AIRES RECOMMENDATIONS. ASKED BY USSR IF US WISHED A REQUEST TO BE PUT TO MOSCOW FOR A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ACTUAL PROBLEM, US REP SAID US WAS INTERESTED IN USSR'S INTENTIONS AND REACTIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND WAS NOT MAKING A REQUEST. NO OTHER REP COMMENTED AND SOVIET PROPOSED EXPERTS GROUP APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

4. RE ITEM 11, IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET INQUIRY, CHILE AFFIRMED IT WOULD BE PROVIDING AN OUTLINE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE ITEM.

5. RE ITEM 12, US INDICATED IT WOULD BE PROVIDING A PAPER. USSR, BACKED BY UK, INQUIRED IF THIS PAPER COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE AVAILABLE BEFORE OPENING OF IX CONSULTATIVE MEETING SINCE THE ISSUE WAS A SENSITIVE ONE AND NEEDED TO BE

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6. RE ITEM 13, UK STRESSED ITS INTEREST IN HAVING DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION AND OF MOVING COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT CONSERVATION RECOMMENDATIONS. USSR INQUIRED WHICH COUNTRIES HAD NOT ACCEPTED THEM. REPLY WAS US, WHICH HAS INDICATED IT IS TAKING STEPS THROUGH ITS CONGRESS TO DO SO, PLUS AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM AND JAPAN.

7. UNDER DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, UK ANNOUNCED IT NOW HAS ARRANGED FOR TWO LARGE MEETING ROOMS WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION FACILITIES SO THAT THERE IS NOW NO NEED/FOR LIMITATION ON DELEGATION SIZES DISCUSSED EARLIER. UK URGED THAT DEL LISTS BE PROVIDED ASAP AND THAT PAPERS ALSO BE TURNED IN ASAP SO THEY MAY BE TRANSLATED. UK GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO HOLD ITS RECEPTION ON EVENING MONDAY, SEPT. 22, AND ASKS THAT SOCIAL EVENTS BY OTHER DELS BE COORDINATED THROUGH SECRETARIAT.

8. MATTER OF PRESS COVERAGE RAISED BY AUSTRALIA WHICH
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HAS ALREADY HAD INQUIRIES FROM ITS PRESS. HEAP INDICATED PAST PROCEDURE HAS BEEN TO HAVE PRESS INQUIRIES ROUTED TO CHAIRMAN DURING MEETING AND THEN A BRIEF (ONE OR TWO PARAGRAPH) COMMUNIQUE BE ISSUED AT END OF MEETING. CONSENSUS SEEMED TO EXIST THAT NO PRESS BRIEFING OR CONFERENCE AT END OF MEETING DESIRED, BUT THAT IF PROBLEM ON THIS AROSE IT WOULD BE DISCUSSED DURING IX CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

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